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Defining Strategic Decisions

- Non-commercial, based within a major research university
- Centralized comprehensive collection not an attainable goal (in the U.S.)
- Explosion of legal information sources on the Internet represented fresh opportunity
- Distinct contribution -- catalyst, innovator, and integrator
- Key to leadership -- human & information resources, experience with education

Compelling Reasons for Legal Information to be Free, Accessible, and Interoperable

- Law operates through information transfer, communication - government to citizen or business
- Communication of legal information within government is also critically important
- Better access to legal information yields more effective law and more accountable government

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- Federal administrative agencies
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[¶17] In van Oosting v. van Oosting, 521 N.W.2d 93, 97-98 (N.D. 1994), this Court recognized it is difficult to assess the value of a trust, comparing it to the difficulties in valuing a pension. In both valuations there are contingencies involved. We held, like pensions and retirement plans, trusts may be divided at the time of divorce either by awarding the present value of the benefits or, when present valuation is too speculative, by awarding a percentage of future payments. Id. at 98. In the previous pension cases, because of the speculative nature, courts opted to award a percentage of future payments instead of dividing the present value. Id.; Zuger v. Zuger, 1997 ND 97, ¶ 13, 563 N.W.2d 804.

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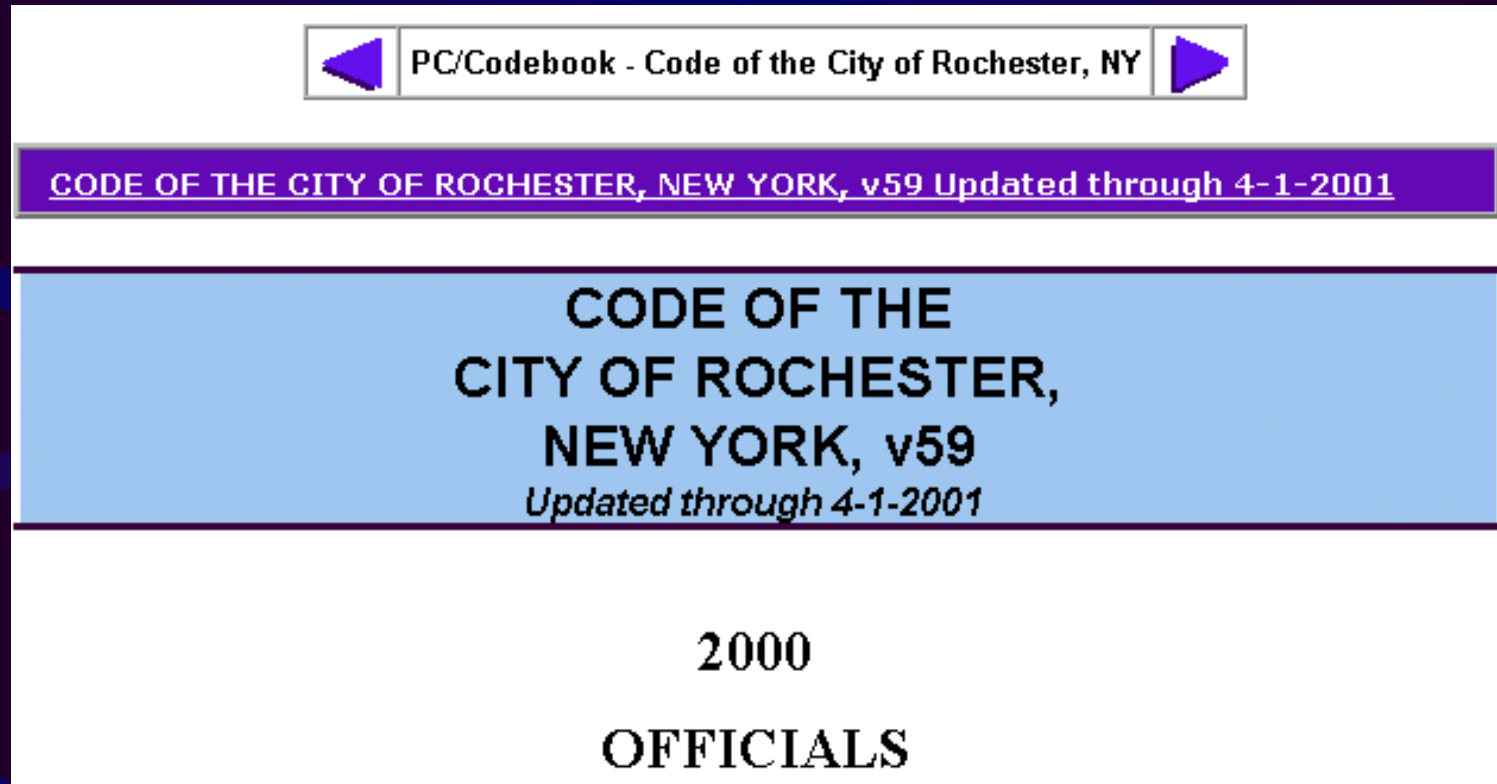
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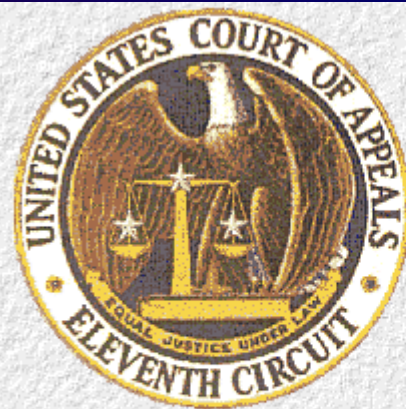
Respondent Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative was organized to distribute marijuana to qualified patients for medical purposes. The United States sued to enjoin the Cooperative and its executive director, also a respondent (together, the Cooperative), under the Controlled Substances Act. The United States argued that the Cooperative's activities violated the Act's prohibitions on distributing, manufacturing, and possessing with the intent to distribute or manufacture a controlled substance. The District Court enjoined the Coop-

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Salient Forces of Resistance in the U.S.

- Patterns of work and settled relationships formed during the long history of print distribution
- A view that the market value of public legal information should be tapped by the government
- Aggressive encouragement of these and other forms of dependency by the commercial legal information sector

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